

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LUBBOCK DIVISION


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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v.

CASE NO: 5:25-CR-073-H-BV-1

CLAUDIA GUTIERREZ-TAPIA

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PLEA OF GUILTY
BEFORE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The defendant, by consent and under the authority of *United States v. Dees*, 125 F.3d 261 (5th Cir. 1997), appeared with counsel for the purpose of entering a plea of guilty under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. This Report and Recommendation is submitted to the Court under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(3).

The defendant was placed under oath and examined in open court regarding the subjects of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The defendant was advised about and affirmed his/her understanding of each subject. Pursuant to a written plea agreement with the government, the defendant pled guilty to Count One of the Indictment, charging a violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and 6 U.S.C. §§ 202(3), 202(4), and 557—Illegal Reentry After Deportation.

After examining the defendant under oath, I find that:

1. The defendant, with advice of counsel, consented orally and in writing to enter this guilty plea before a magistrate judge subject to final approval and sentencing by the presiding district judge;
2. The defendant fully understands the nature of the charges, including each essential element of the offense(s) charged, and the associated penalties;

3. The defendant fully understands the terms of the plea agreement and plea agreement supplement;
4. The defendant understands all his/her constitutional and statutory rights and wishes to waive these rights, including the right to a trial by jury and the right to appear before a United States district judge;
5. The defendant's plea is made freely and voluntarily;
6. The defendant is competent to enter this plea of guilty;
7. There is a factual basis to support this plea; and
8. The ends of justice are served by acceptance of the defendant's plea of guilty.

Based on these findings, I recommend that the defendant's guilty plea be accepted, that the defendant be adjudged guilty, and that sentence be imposed accordingly. Under the terms of his/her written plea agreement, the defendant has agreed to waive a full presentence investigation and issuance of a full presentence investigation report by the United States Probation Office.

Although I have conducted these proceedings, the United States District Judge has the power to review my actions and possesses final decision-making authority. Ordinarily, a defendant must file any objections to the findings or any other action of the magistrate judge within fourteen (14) days. Here, however, the defendant has knowingly and voluntarily waived the objection period in writing.

Signed June 23, 2025.


AMANDA 'AMY' R. BURCH
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE